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SUBJECT: ANTITANK WEAPONS FOR LEBANON

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1. REGARDING QUERY IN REFTEL, JAF SHOULD SOON HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING PERIODIC FOLLOW-ON TOW TRAINING FOR THE LEBANESE ARMY IN JAF FACILITY IN JORDAN. A U.S. MTT TRAINED 28 JAF PERSONNEL THIS YEAR AND JAF CURRENTLY HAS A WO AND A MSGT TAKING A 15 WEEK TOW COURSE IN THE CONUS. THESE TWO TRAINEES WILL RETURN TO JORDAN IN AUGUST 74, AND THEY WILL BE QUALIFIED AS BOTH TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL INSTRUCTORS. IN ADDITION JAF HAS THREE TOW TRAINING SETS, AND ARE ALREADY UNDERTAKING AN IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE ADDITION OF A SMALL NUMBER (I.E. UP TO 10 LEBANESE) TO A JAF TOW TRAINING COURSE IN JORDAN BEGINNING LATE THIS YEAR IS PERFECTLY FEASIBLE. WE ASSUME THIS WOULD SATISFY REQUIREMENTS PARA 2 REFTEL FOR FOLLOW-ON TRAINING.

2. EVEN THOUGH ALL THREE TOW TRAINING SETS ARE PRESENTLY OUT OF COMMISSION, WE ANTICIPATE SMOOTHING OUT SUPPLY SUPPORT AND BETTER MAINTENANCE RESULTS IN COMING WEEKS AS JAF GAINS IN EXPERIENCE.

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3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED JORDANIANS ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT, CHIEF OF STAFF MAJOR GENERAL BIN SHAKER RECENTLY MADE A GENERAL STATEMENT THAT THE LEBANESE HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN RESERVED ABOUT ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE JAF AND GOJ WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IF APPROACHED BY GOL. WE OF COURSE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT GOL REQUEST.
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